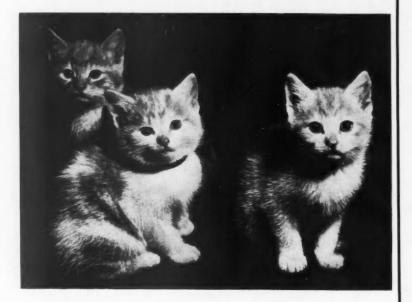
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#### COVER

Ray Fisher of the Miami Herald took this expressive study of an Abyssinian cat. The subject is Db. Gr. Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Ricki owned by Mrs. Richard O'Donovan.

#### HELP CHOOSE NCW HEAD

National Cat Week, which gains much of its support from CATS readers has asked us to call on you for a further assist: your suggestions as to who in the cat world you think is most qualified to take over the work which was so wonderfully handled by the great Guy Bogart when he filled the position of NCW president.

Your thoughtful nominations with a word or two as to the reasons for your choices will prove of great help to the Board in making the final selection.

Mail should be sent to Mr. Rollin A. Cable, Secretary National Cat Week, 1072 North Avenue Blawnox, Pittsburgh 38, Pa.

Nominees should be persons of outstanding ability with time to give to the task, and with a great love for cats.

With 1959's National Cat Week program ready to start, there is some urgency involved, and your response, particularly your prompt one, will be most helpful in forwarding the work of NCW. You will aid not only the individual named, but the entire cat world, if you are instrumental in assisting the NCW organization to complete its executive team.

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# The Readers Always Write



COUNTRY CAT

Dear Editors:

CATS magazine is one of the most refreshing pieces of literature that I have read. Having received my first subscribed issue, I am truly delighted with the variety in the contents.

I live the year round on a large lake in Indiana and my kitty, a large country cat soon to be eight years old, loves the environment. He is quite disappointed when the boat leaves the pier without him and when he does go, he is quite content.

When the boat approaches the pier after a cruise, Thomas Sylvester proceeds to the very tip of the stern, riding thusly until within a leap's distance from the pier. A little too anxious the first few occasions, he misjudged the distance and promptly met the mirrored reflection of his feline anatomy. However, like a veteran swimmer, he made the shore.

When the lake is frozen over, with feline caution, Tom exploringly pussyfoots along on the ice to view his neigh-

bor's pier.

He is interested and quite curious about fishermen and fishing poles. Should there be a bobbing, he stares sternly at the fisherman as if to say, "Don't you know there's a fish on that line?" Unless the gullible creature proves to be Tom's favorite delicacy, catfish, he is not interested any further.

Mrs. L. P. Anderson

RR 5 Monticello, Ind.

#### PHOTO FACTS

Dear Editors:

The Picture of the Month is always of great interest to me, both as a fancier and as an amateur photographer. I wish you could include information on type film used, what kind of camera and, if the photographer knows, lens speed and meter reading. I know many of the best pictures are taken with box cameras with set lens. Even just knowing this would help some of us to try for the same effects with our cameras. Also like to know which shots are flash and which are available light.

Perhaps if enough people are interested, you might add the above information.

Dell T. Smith

5054 Pepperwood Avenue Lakewood, Calif.

#### CATENA

Dear Editors:

Please, oh please, publish more articles, at least one in every issue, on breeding or birth control in cats. This would be the most wonderful thing you could do for the ordinary cat. Cooperate with the humane societies in their drive for such control. People forget or procrastinate so easily. Keep reminding them.

I'd appreciate the address of any company where I could buy pretty cat stickers to use on letters. Wonder if any of your readers could help me?

Mrs. Gladys Storie

15205 So. Gibson Ave. Compton, California

#### SIGH OVER SY

Dear Editors:

Each month I read each article in CATS Magazine and then wish there were more articles to read.

I have had my wonderful Sy since he was eight weeks old and loved him from the start. Your magazine has helped me understand and appreciate him even more.

Sy will be four years old this June and is my constant companion. He is half Siamese and both my husband and I adore him.

My thanks to CATS for helping me bring out the best that my boy can give us.

Ruth C. Gabeler

2764 W. 8th St. Los Angeles 5, California



#### WINSOME WENCH

Dear Editors:

As a relatively new subscriber, I want to compliment you on the excellence of your magazine.

Enclosed is photograph of Sharla and her nameless daughter. We can't choose a name that we can use in public! Sharla has always been a perfect lady but her daughter can lay no claim to that distinction. She attacks the dog with no provocation, endangers all ankles and toes, fishes for suds in the dish water, and generally drives us all, Sharla included, to distraction. And how we love her. Wouldn't change her if we could.

Mary Micholowicz

514 Spruce Street Verona, Pa.



TEA TIME

Dear Editors:

Can't think of any way to make your publication any better than it is. I hope you can keep on just as you are.

Here is Blue Boy having his afternoon cup of tea. This photo was in the Bide-A-Wee Quarterly last summer but he was not identified. I'd like to see it printed so I could send copies to his friends in Europe where he stayed four years ago.

Ann Hayton

805 — 27th Ave. Astoria 2, N. Y.

#### CATASTROPHIES

Dear Editors:

I love cats but have no luck with them. My first one was hit with a car. The second one ran away. My third had to be put to sleep because of an injury. I now have my fourth cat in about one and a half

Do other people have such bad luck with cats? Here's hoping CATS will help me keep cats.

Helen Weidner

1117 E. Fox Lane Milwaukee 17, Wisconsin

#### BRITISH BOOST

Dear Editors:

I am on exchange teaching in England and find the English must be admired for their love and care of animals. Every pet seems special and precious. Lovingly carried on to busses and trains and up esculators by young and old alike. There are collections made to help maintain dispensaries where people can obtain medication and veterinary care and advice for pets for almost nothing. I think it wonderful

I had made up my mind not to even look at a cat while here. But I have been adopted again. A slim half-grown hazeleyed creature passed up all the rest of the staff and came to me, followed me into my room, climbed on my desk and rubbed against my face. What could I do?

Margaret Logan

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# A FULL-TIME FRIEND FROM A PART-TIME PET

by Oliver J. Ginther

Recently, a lady called the office of her veterinarian and pleasantly inquired about the cost of having her cat spayed. "The doctor's fee is fifteen dollars," she was

"What!" she bellowed, her voice suddenly changing to deep indignation, "fif-

teen dollars-for a cat!

One would hope that the lady's determination to let her pet go unaltered was not based merely on a snap decision made at the time of the phone call. Granted, she is her own best judge of the size of her pocketbook. However, spaying is one of the things that she should have considered before she accepted the responsibility of keeping a cat. Possibly she didn't fully appreciate what she would be getting for her money. Cutting down on the cat population and avoiding kittens in cases where they are not wanted are two closely related advantages of the operation. Another very important consideration is that spaying can make a full-time companion from a part-time pet.

The altered cat is relieved of the ambition of all unaltered female felines to personally fill the world with cats. Altered, she can devote her time to being a better pet-a pet that is not under the nervous strain that accompanies and follows wild love affairs. She will distinguish herself with all the attributes of a good pet for all twelve months of the year. She will no

longer be a part-time pet.

The period of sexual desire is dramatically characterized by the female cat. So much so that many owners can well call this period the "period of annoyance." New owners have often mistaken the female's antics during these heat periods as some sort of weird disease and have with great concern rushed their pets to the veterinarians only to be told about the birds and the bees.

At the beginning of the period the female may become very playful. Soon she's crawling, tumbling and rolling around as though in great pain. It's probably not pain, but ecstasy. Her crazy antics are accompanied by appropriate sound effects of nerve shattering proportions. Indeed, the cat in heat proclaims her desires in an announcement that could well be the world's greatest advertisement. As if this is not enough, she may urinate more than usual and forget there is a place for it. These things are abhorrent to many owners. The crying and screaming can hardly be passed off as a lullaby by you or your neighbors. Spaying will eliminate these periods permanently.

Cats are as noisy or noisier in the act of mating as they are in their desire to mate. Both the male and female participants are exceedingly vociferous lovers. A good part of the noisy discord is contributed by the

lusty toms which fight for the attention of the queen. While these gallant but loud fights are going on, chances are the female will mate with some meek little male at ringside thereby adding to the noisy fracas.

If your cat has been spayed you cannot be justifiably blamed for any of these neighborhood cat concerts. Also, there will be no more toms calling on your cat periodically, perhaps bringing infection with them. You will be spared the parade of males through your flower beds. There will be no more spraying of "cat smell" on your porch by your queen's boy friends, for she will no longer possess the desire or need to lure the tom.

Removal of the primary sex organs, the ovaries, removes the urge for the lovesick female to roam. Free-running cats instigate or contribute to animosity between cat owners and their neighbors. Also, a cat which strays from home may pick up a disease, fall victim to an accident or become lost. Spaying abolishes the urge to mate and with it the urge to roam in search of romance. Any dates that were made before the operation will be promptly broken when your little flirt comes home from the hospital.

Of course, this does not mean that the altered female will become a homebody. She may have other reasons to roam about besides romance, but she will be a lot less emphatic about gallivanting around.

Suppose you do manage to keep your unaltered cat indoors in order to avoid kittens? Cats, unlike dogs, do not ovulate, that is, release the eggs from their ovaries, until they've first had the stimulation of mating. With release of the eggs, a physiological mechanism is set into gear which brings the period of desire to an end. If by the use of drastic measures you keep your cat from mating, she will probably remain in heat four or five days longer, thereby prolonging the agony for you and your neighbors. Further, the isolated cat may have recurrent heat periods every two or three weeks to wear out both the cat and the owner.

Many object that spayed females develop into big globs of fat that haven't the ambition to even look mean at a mouse. A good mouser before the operation will be a good mouser after the operation. Some spayed females do put on weight, but the extent to which this is true is directly related to the extent to which the owners have failed to adjust the diet of the cat to the new condition. Females require less nourishment if they are spared the periodic activity of the heat periods and the strain of pregnancy and motherhood. In other words, they are overweight because they are overfed not because they were spayed. Along the same line of thought, there is some saving in food to be gained



-a five-year-old spay who has easily figure. (Pittsburgh Press photo)

by having the cat altered. Over a period of time this saving could easily equal the cost of the operation.

Spaying will not create an emotional disturbance in your pet or ruin her disposition. Any changes in her personality are usually for the better. A cat that otherwise may have become vicious will tend to remain affectionate and gentle if spayed while young.

Contrary to the beliefs of many, sexual relationships are not prerequisite to health. In fact, females that are run down from too many litters will be given a new lease on life by spaying. Considering the hazards that can accompany birth and the weak condition a pregnancy and lactation can entail, it is easy to see that spayed animals may live longer.

Sentiment is a powerful influence in many decisions. This is especially true when it comes to interfering with the natural processes of reproduction. Impotency is one of mankind's greatest fears. You must consider, however, that your cat is

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# FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

#### FOR LOVE, NOT MONEY

Kittens for sale. Kittens for sale. A basket of kittens, I have for sale. Each has blue eyes and a long white

O, they're fine kittens, I have for sale.

Each kitten I'll sell, as white as a dove,

I'll sell for just good care and love. I'll give them only to people that Will know how to welcome a little

The people I choose will have kind hands:

Will mix affection with their commands:

Will have both warm and friendly

Where a lonesome kitten may take its naps.

And the people I pick must promise

They'll be as good masters as they can be.

This, alone, will stay my cry: Kittens for sale, who'll come and

-Phyllis Mahn Potter

#### BULWARK

The fat Old cat Smiles in his sleep, All unaware His trust in me has raised A bulwark snubbing fear, For reassurance pulsates in The slackly curving crescent of That fat Old cat.

-Margaret Lancaster

#### FORETASTE

Our cats come in from hunting, early in the morning,

Across the misty spaces of the dewy April fields.

Scenting various samples of their

mothers' clever prowess, Their kittens' sniffing noses are lifted eagerly.

As their tiny reaching clawlets close and open, practising.

And, come the early autumn, they too, will start out hunting

Across the fruitful reaches of the meadows' rusty-red.

-Martha Sherwood Johnson

#### CAT NAP

low b-l-i-n-k-e-d and w-i-n-k-e-d One golden eye through purple bars.

it closed and blue-black until dawn the great cat curled in sleep.

-Roger Goldworthy

#### A GUEST

A guest from Egypt or from Iran, From the Litter Bin or the Isle of Man

May crash your door some wintry night

And demand that he share your food and light;

Dismayed, you view this dubious guest,

His ragged coat, his dirty vest, With some doubt you say: wellsince you desire-

Come in, poor sir—and share my fire

You apply a brush through a month of milk,

Your reward? a scratch and a coat of silk,

Emeralds? One pair, and a ruby

Caressing a heedless, velvet ear, Nittering purrs and throaty rumbles, Springs and crashes and screeching tumbles;

And you come to know that your peace is shattered,

As though such an aberration mattered.

For the wheedling cheat, half clown, half king

Will be entrenched beyond questioning! -Gwynnedd Griffith

#### CATS

Cats look like lions To me They do. I'm always afraid they will Eat me I'm always afraid they will grow So tall They will swallow me up Shoes And all.

-Nancy Drew

#### ASTRONOMER CAT

She moves with quiet paws across my lawn.

She does not know that I am watching her.

Or is it that she does not care? For both of us, the dusk is dawn. The fascination of the skies Is mirrored now in both our eyes.

Is this a prayer, is it a dance? What unremembered mystery, What rite of unlived history Could change her so and make her prance

Who knows canned meat and frozen fish.

Electric heater, plastic dish?

She has become an instrument On which my friend, the chilly moon, Can play a most astounding tune. Why was such music never sent Into my veins, where nothing stirs? Why is that discourse only hers?

If I could take the knowledge of my

What I have learned of crater and of cleft,

Of meteorites, the fissures they have

Upon a moistureless and barren place.

And trade it for her blood and for her vision:

God only knows what would be my decision.

-Ruth Anvoy

What oceans lie beyond those emerald ports?

What deeps are plumbed, What currents charted. What strange dimensions scanned? -Thaddeus Hauxhurst

#### JOHN

I don't know why we named him that, Our coal-black Manx, no-tailed cat, Except, it has an honest sound, And strong-none other could be found

That seemed to suit his earnesty. Except for "Howard"—but, you see, There is a Howard-cat we know Who lives just down the street—so, We thought we'd leave his name alone.

And give our John one of his own.

-Jessie Cannon Eldridge

## CATS AROUND HOLLYWOOD

by Duane Valentry

Look in Ann Blyth's sunny vard in the San Fernando Valley any day and she or one of the children is likely to be playing with black and white Mickey, a cat who has long been a favorite pet of the actress and a cat, furthermore, who knows it.

Black-jowled Mickey wears a handsome pair of white socks and likes to stand on two hind legs to reach up for his dinner dish. Ann, who is that way anyhow about animals, almost went out of her mind once when she moved and Mickey got himself lost for a couple of weeks.

Like most cats, Mickey took a shocked view of the change. "What's the matter with this house?" he meowed; looked the new one over and started off through the streets and across the hills toward what he considered sensibly to be home. When found, he was a bit thinner but still meowing loudly. Philosophically (aren't all cats philosophers?) he finally accepted the change, and now wouldn't move from the

present house.

Jane Powell had the same trouble when she moved to a new apartment and her loved Siamese had to learn to stay inside and look out at the birds and trees from high windows. Too much traffic made this indoor existence necessary and Chu grew to like it, and accustomed to his little sandbox on the back porch. Jane, like Ann, suffered agonies one day when Chu slipped out the door and strolled up and down the sidewalk until found.

In Hollywood people usually have pets. Natalie Wood and her young sister, Lana Lisa, thought they needed another puss around the house and went shopping for a new cat. They chose a beautiful Siamese kitten which beguiled the two young ladies the whole time they spent in the pet shop.

"We just had to take him-anyway we'd heard so much about Siamese we thought we'd like to own one," said Natalie. The



Natalie Wood's sister, Lana Lisa, went right into the kitten playpen to choose this young Siamese in a Hollywood pet shop for their own



One of many Hollywood housewives who have feline pets, Ann Blyth brings his dinner to Mickey, the family

new member of the household at last report had taken to curling up on Lana's bed while she studied, having first made the usual Siamese flying tour of drapes and valances

Speaking of teenagers, pert seventeenyear-old Pat Crowley who played on ABC's "Date With Judy," enjoyed her role for more than one reason. Pat also loves animals, especially cats, promptly fell for the small, individualistic black kitten that was cast to play a part in one chapter. It may have been the long whiskers or sleepy eyes; maybe those white feet or the extra loud meow. Anyway, Pat couldn't rest until she found whether or not she could adopt it. She could, and did.

For the star role in "Dick Whittington and his Cat" on the Shirley Temple television storybook show they called in the greatest movie feline, of course. That would be Rhubarb, the best-trained cat and finest actor, it is said, of them all.

"Rhubarb will leap to any spot on command—we needed that for the cat in 'Dick Whittington,'" said the director. Rhubarb wasn't bashful talking to reporters, either, when asked about this 'comeback" role.

"What do you mean--'comeback'? I've played in 174 movie and television parts in the past seven years. Any of you been busier than that?" Rhubarb wanted to know. "But I'm especially happy about being chosen for this part because this puss was one of the few of our clan to affect the course of history. There's only, one thing that worries me, though. I have almost thirty sons and daughters in the acting game now, and I'm not sure of what they will think when they learn that their old man is a female impersonator in this

Rhubarb shouldn't have worried. Lassie has been pretending to be something he isn't for years; likewise small shaggy Daisy in the Blondie series. Nobody seems to mind these deceptions at all.

Walt Disney's humorous but interesting



Rhubarb, first starred in H. Allen Smith's classic, has become Hollywood's hardest-working feline. Here he shines on TV in "Dick Whittington and His Cat". (NBC)

historical tribute on "Disneyland," the television show, is still being talked about. "The Great Cat Family," from house cat to lion, starred on this one, which traced ancient origins of the common cat 4,000 years back, bringing out the cat's importance in history and the world of literature.

Dark days for the cat were shown in the Middle Ages when it was superstitiously condemned and persecuted despite its human-helping habit of battling the plague-carrying rat.

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"Tips to the Novice" by Rlanche Wolfram

The digestive system of the cat is subject to ailments such as: Gastritis, an inflammation of the stomach: enteritis, an inflammation of the intestines: gastroenteritis, inflammation of both the stomach and intestines at the same time; colitis, inflammation of the colon. Vomiting and diarrhea, although not in themselves diseases are indications that diseases exist. Constitution is an impaction of the feces preventing their passage out of the body.

Some of the causes for these ailments are: bacterial infections, virus infections, mechanical failure of the organs, worms, hairballs, poisons, indigestible or decomposed foods, foreign objects and obstruc-

Symptoms of the beginning of trouble to the digestive system can be noted by: foul breath, bloating, belching, nausea, regurgitation of food, vomiting, abdominal pain, weakness, cramping, loss of weight, diarrhea, constipation, jaundice, passing of blood in the stool, excessive thirst, high temperature, vomiting of blood, and general all-round poor condition.

Worms and hairballs have been previously discussed at great length, so they will not be treated in this article. However, when any troubles occur because of these conditions it would be well to review those articles and abide by their suggestions.

In regard to foreign objects-such things as glass, pins, sticks, rubber, plastics, cellophane and the many other inedible objects that can be swallowed by a cat-a veterinarian should be consulted immediately, for he has the instruments and equipment to remove them. It would be well to be sure that your cat does not have the opportunity to swallow any of them in the first place. One thing to be extremely careful about is cellophane. When any of this is swallowed it acts like a razor, cutting the stomach walls to shreds and inflicting a very painful death on the cat. I am sure you would not want to see this happen to any of your cats, so be careful not to let any cellophane lying around

In speaking of poisons, it is not necessary for me to remind you of the danger. You are well aware of what the consequences would be if you or your children accidentally swallowed anything harmful. Therefore, protect your cats by keeping poisons out of reach. Since there is a great variety of poisons, each having its own antidote, we shall not dwell upon them here but will treat them in a separate article of their own at some future date. However, if you have any suspicion that

# DISEASES OF THE

your cat has come in contact with poison you must immediately rush it to your veterinarian and inform him just which of the poisons you believe it to be. This will help him in aiding the cat in an attempt to save its life. If you must have poisons around the home make sure you know the antidote for each so that it may be administered immediately, before taking the cat to the vet. This idea is not only worthwhile to the cat but would be of aid to your children as well. But, the best way to prevent troubles from poison is not to store any around the home.

Mechanical failure of the organs can bring distress to your cat. Failure of the stomach, intestines, liver or pancreas to supply their digestive juices will prevent the digestion of food. Or it may be that obstructions in the ducts leading from the organs may prevent the passage of the juices. Accurate diagnosis of these troubles can be determined by your veterinarian and he will institute the proper medication to alleviate them.

Simple indigestion can be caused by too much food, improper or decomposed food and just plain nervousness. But in most cases a cat will vomit all foods which do not agree with it, for the cat's stomach is very sensitive to foods that are not suitable. In order to relieve this type of indigestion you may resort to medications that you would use for your own benefit. However, it would be well to prevent the cat from eating for a period of twentyfour hours to give the stomach time to settle back to normal. One word of caution. Although paregoric is beneficial to humans it is not advisable for use with cats. Only those persons well trained in its use should administer this drug for those who do not have a thorough knowledge of its dangers could very easily kill a cat.

When the more serious complications such as bacterial or virus invasions are involved we are faced with very difficult situations. All symptoms will intensify and the cat will be very ill. The digestive tract is susceptible to invasion by these organisms because the entire area is covered with a mucous membrane which can easily become infected. We know that the antibiotics and sulfa drugs are very effective against bacteria but have little or no effect upon viruses. But, in cases of virus infections they are still used as a preventive against secondary bacterial invasion invited by the weakened condition of the cat brought about by virus.

Almost all of the antibiotics are effective, but their oral administration is difficult with the cat, and it would be better to use the muscular injection routes. Not all of the sulfa drugs are found to be compatible to the cat, but sulfaguanidine is one that has been determined to be nontoxic. The advantage of this drug is the fact that it is not very readily absorbed through the stomach and will remain in the tract where it will do a fine bit of work in combating the bacteria which are pres-

## DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

ent in the lining. This condition also holds true with the intestines. At first indication of trouble within the stomach I give one-half of a 0.5 Gm tablet morning and night to adult cats and one-quarter of a tablet morning and night to small kittens. I have not found anything to be initially of more benefit than sulfaguanidine. For continued seriousness of the attack penicillin and streptomycin in combination can be injected intramuscularly, along with the oral administration of sulfaguanidine for several days. General care of the cat should be similar to other diseases in accordance with my previous articles in which this information appears.

To counteract that dreadful virus disease known as Infectious Feline Gastro-Enteritis or just Feline Enteritis, it is very advisable to be sure that your cats receive the required amount of vaccine as soon as they are old enough. With this protection your cats are almost certain to survive an attack; without it rapid deaths will occur. Nothing is more devastating than IFGE and it has been discussed several times. For the protection that the vaccine brings to a cat it is well worth the small cost. Why not take care of it right away if you have not already done so

As mentioned before, diarrhea is not a disease but an indication that a diseased condition exists. It can be caused by any of the reasons stated in the beginning of this article. To cure diarrhea the causative factor must be treated and eliminated. But, one good way to control diarrhea is by the use of kaopectate. Keep giving kaopectate by mouth until it runs out of the anus. Now I do not mean that you must continually pour it into the cat, just give one teaspoonful about every two hours. Kaopectate has a soothing action upon the walls of the stomach and intestines thereby calming the nerves. It is not harmful and you cannot injure the cat through its use. As an extra aid kaobiotic is also used-kaopectate with antibiotics added. However if antibiotics or sulfa drugs are being administered it will be necessary to use only plain kaopectate.

In attempting to clear up a constipated condition the cat must be studied to try to determine what the cause may be. In simple constipation the causes may be lack of exercise, gulping of food, wrong type of food or just plain laziness on the part of the cat. For the relief of constipation I have been very successful with just feeding a large amount of fresh liver. This really opens up the passageway. As a medication I have found that one teaspoon of mineral oil and one teaspoon of milk of magnesia in combination works wonders. But, prolonged use of mineral oil is not recommended, for it has certain drawbacks which are not to the best interest of the cat. If the blockage occurs in the colon it is advisable to resort to an enema. Simple warm water and soap will do.

There is a more serious type of consti-(Continued on page 17)

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## HEY DIDDLE

by Ruth W. Stevens

The Hi-Fi record changer clicked off, but the lilting melodies of Kern's Cat and the Fiddle still filled the room, I began thinking of the many famous creative people who have been closely associated with cats. Perhaps was there a definite relationship between musicians and cats?

The first thing that came to mind was the misnomer catgut as applied to fiddle strings. For gut strings do not come from cats, but from the intestines of goats or sheep. They are twisted and dried, the heavier strings wound with wire to increase their strength.

This confusion in names probably resulted from kitgut, which were strings of the English kit, a miniature violin. Its small size made it popular with dancing masters, who carried the tiny fiddles around in their pockets, then played them while displaying the latest dancing steps. As kit also means a small cat, strings became catgut.

Two very ancient instruments have a special connection with our subject. The Chinese yu, or wooden tiger, is a member of the sonorous substances group. Granted that the cat is first cousin to a tiger, we may be allowed to stretch a point, and include the yu as a large cat. It is in the shape of a tiger resting on a rectangular box. On its back are twenty-seven teeth resembling a saw, each toothlike projection supposedly producing a given note. The player strikes the tiger three times on the head, then rapidly passes his stick three times along the back. I wonder how Tiger Rag would sound if played on this contraption?

The kokiu is from Japan, and of the bowed strings family. It is a fiddle whose ultimate form is the result of numerous changes. The four strings are fastened to a spike projecting from the lower part of the body, and carried over a bridge to the peg box in the long slender neck. The body is square and has a frame of wood and a belly and back of cat skin. If you are fortunate enough to have access to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, be sure and take a look at this curious early viol.

The Renaissance was the Golden Age for cats. Everyone from the nobility to the commonest of folk kept a cat as a pet. One royal lady, a talented harpist, was convinced her kitten had not only beauty and brains, but musical discrimination as well. If she played nicely the animal purred, if she performed badly she was favored with haughty disapproving stares.

Charles Dudley Warner writing about the remarkable cat Calvin in A Study of Character, and speaking of his purr said, "There was in him a musical organ with stops of varied power and expression, upon which I have no doubt he could have performed Scarlatti's celebrated Cat's Fugue."

Allessandro Scarlatti was one of the brightest lights of the Italian school of (Continued on page 16)



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Any attempt to sever any tendons or nerves to prevent the scratching would also render the cat helpless as to the use of his feet. Declawing would be the only surgical procedure to follow.

Is it possible for a cat to die of a heart attack. I have been told they do not. My cat was perfectly well and happy in the morning. A short while later while I held him in my arms, he coughed a little and seemed short of breath. We rushed him to a veterinarian and he died before our eyes.

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I believe it is possible for a cat to have a heart attack or other coronary diseases. The difficulty that arises when death is so sudden is that there are very few changes produced in the tissues to be of much help in diagnosing. If there had been a chronic condition there would have been some definite indication of it. Anything that I may add beyond this would be merely conjecture and serve no useful purpose.

I have kept my cat indoors for four months and now am afraid that since winter is here to take him out even for walks. Can cold weather give him a cold and can people give a cat a cold if they are around them?

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Dinah, Alice in Wonderland's pet; Lucifer, the bad cat from "Cinderella; and various cartoon cats had part in this noteworthy film. Many hope the sequence will be repeated, and soon.

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A "now it can be told" item about the late Cecil B. De Mille's epic, "The Ten Commandments" is that one of the biggest, most expensive scenes of all was held up during production while a mysterious cat's meow was traced to its source. Seems the pussy was a stray which had somehow wandered onto the stage and its plaintive cries, echoing all over the place, were being recorded with the stately dialogue.

Minutes are money in the filming of an expensive movie like this one, and Anne Baxter, Charlton Heston, Yul Brynner and other highly-paid stars and hundreds of extras and the crew stood around while the cat was hunted vainly in one dark corner after another, always just eluding the hunters. Finally, after ten minutes that seemed an hour to the budget-watchers, she was found and put out the door, and loss of time was estimated at \$2,500.

Cats figure in Hollywood news quite



Pat Crowley permanently adopted this little kit which she first met on "A Date with Judy." (ABC)

often. Pyewacket, the cat who shares honors with James Stewart and Kim Novak in "Bell, Book and Candle," is really a collaboration job by several identical Siamese, but you'll never know it from seeing the picture.

Then, there was the time a picture starring Cary Grant called for a mother cat and her six kittens for much of the comedy action. As the picture progressed, the kittens grew, as kittens will, into mature cats

This presented a casting problem to the

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Pyewacket, the newest feline screen star, shares honors with Kim Novak and James Stewart in the famous current exposé of witchcraft-"Bell, Book and Candle". (Columbia)

studio, but the man whose job it is to solve such problems was ready with five mother cats (look-alikes) and assorted batches of kittens whose ages ranged from one week to one year and who looked enough alike to fool watching audiences. All proved fine actors, as most cats do.

The funniest part of this casting chore, however, was the fact that there had to be stand-ins for the mother cats and her kittens. The stand-ins were a set of toy monkeys; an idea the producer had to protect the real actors from the lavish petting they were receiving every moment of the day from children and adult members of the cast. Who says everybody doesn't love a cat?

But this was nothing like the minor "catastrophe" that struck at Warner's Studio when several hundred pounds of fish were used to dress a Manila wharf set for "Mara Maru." As the hot sun beamed down on all that fish every cat within miles got the message and the address and began filing into view, in addition to the studio's own cats who weren't letting an opportunity like this slip by.

Suddenly knee deep in cats director Gordon Douglas appealed for help to the studio police force who had to net the excess cats and escort them, some with fish in mouth, off the lot.

With cats you never know what next. Marjorie Lord, Danny Thomas' pretty wife on his television show, says one of her neighbors has a cat that stutters.

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## MUSICATS

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music in the seventeenth century. His best known work is this Cat's Fugue. A fugue is counterpoint, that is, many voiced, and melody against melody. Very simply put it is like a round, and as long as we are talking about cats, that round might as well be Three Blind Mice. The story goes that one day Scarlatti's cat ran across the keyboard, striking notes from which the composer evolved a fugue, giving sense to the notes by a clever harmonic treatment. Perhaps the sprightly piano tidbit, Kitten on the Keys, may be considered a descendent many times removed.

Violin virtuoso Paganini is vaguely linked to cats. His dark strange looks, coupled with his super human genius gave rise to all sorts of fanciful tales. One story made him out as a child of Satan, and people near an old Florentine castle where Paganini stayed, declared he held conversations with cats at night. A fable that Brahms was cruel to cats persists, though I find this hard to believe as Brahms was extremely kind to children, and underneath his rough exterior was a soft heart.

Not too much music has been composed with cats as the theme, but what there is covers a wide field. For children's tastes many nursery rhymes have been set to music, such as I Love Little Pussy, Ding Dong Bell Pussy's In the Well, The Mouser, Captain Kidd's Cats, Fluff (a

kitten) and the Firemen, the chording song Cats and Dogs, singing games like The Big Gray Cat and Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, and the delightful fairy tale Puss In Boots. From folk tunes of south Africa comes Pretty Kitty, and the lively gay dancing song De Black Cat Say to de White Cat, with its alternating major and minor tones. In Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" we find With Catlike Tread, and Copland gives us the Cat and the Mouse and Capering Kittens.

In classical vein we recall the cat theme in Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf." where Peter warns the bird of the cat's stealthy approach. In ballet, pas de chat, literally means step of the cat. It is a distinctive term of technique, a leap either to right or left, with knees bent out and high. The dancer lands lightly with his feet in position as a cat would. In Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Sleeping Beauty" there is a character dance which depicts the feline movements of the booted cat and the white cat. It is a masterpiece of musical suggestion with fawning advances and lightning quick withdrawals, while the orchestra strings meow realistically.

In band parlance, cats are members of a swing band, and one of these cats, pianist Jelly Roll Morton, gives out on record with *Tom Cat Blues*. If your taste runs to boogie woogie, the *Bear Cat Crawl* is for you.

Not all humans appreciate the discordance of our modern compositions, and even tuneful music like Chopin's fails in appeal to some. But no one cares much for the caterwauling of a Tom out on a prowl. His romantic singing sounds like a Miserere for cats, roughly interpreted as "Maria! O Ma-a-ria! Comin' on out?" However the steady purr of an otherwise immobile Tabby is pure rhythm. A recent Saturday Evening Post article mentions the off-beat record Tom Cat Serenade to a Willing Widow. It is the mating call of a lovesick Tom, so realistic my female feline practically tried to crawl into my Hi-Fi set.

I have a friend who has a huge Tom cat. He is so agile that he walks daintily among her treasures without disturbing a fragile antique. He also seems to possess an ear for music. This extraordinary animal claims a string of small brass bells as his own. He bats these back and forth by the hour, probably dreaming of the long ago when his ancestors were worshipped in Egyptian temple rites. This Tom can also sing when requested, either tenor or bass. That is he can if he is in the mood, and condescends to oblige. Musicians, either people or cats, are notoriously temperamental. But I like and admire both very much, and hope you do too.

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pation that can occur-when the intestines will tighten up for one reason or another and close the opening. It is not possible for the material to pass and conditions of this kind must be treated continuously by your veterinarian. Adhere to his advice if you wish to have the continued friendship of your cat in your home. This condition is very serious and must be attended to constantly.

There are other rarer diseases of the digestive system but, we have covered the main ones, and it is my hope that this article will aid you in helping your cat to enjoy a full and happy life.

## SPAYING

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not you. You cannot make a realistic decision by projecting your thoughts into the imagined thoughts of your pet.

There are times when spaying is particularly necessary. In cases where it is found that a cat cannot satisfactorily give birth. For example, if she has a crushed or poorly developed pelvis, she should be spared from breeding. Certain disease conditions such as cystic ovaries and inflammation of the uterus are cured by spaying.

There are, it must be acknowledged, also disadvantages to thwarting the powers of your cat to reproduce. Some day you may regret that your cat cannot provide you with a litter of kittens. Kittens can certainly be delightful if you provide for them. Perhaps you may want your children to get a conception of the miracle of birth through your cats.

Occasionally a spayed female is unable to retain her urine. This possibility should not influence your decision too much, because it is rare and it responds to treatment with hormones.

Suppose that some day you want to enter your animal in a cat show. Altered cats are put in special classes. A spayed female over eight months is entered in the Spay Class and cannot compete with unspayed cats, or compete for the usual championships, although some Associations now give special spay titles. Females, as well as males, between the ages of four and eight months, whether altered or not, are entered in the Kitten Class.

Cat owners usually show great concern for their hospitalized pets probably more so than do other pet owners. They can rest assured, however, that modern surgical techniques and the anesthetics used today have greatly reduced the risk of the spaying operation. It is still a major operation-five percent of the cats do not recover. But surely this risk is no greater than the risks that attend a lifetime of reproduction. The patient will be put under anesthesia, thereby nullifying pain and allowing the doctor to operate unharassed. Not over five drops of blood will be lost from the small incision made. Recovery is rapid. In some cases the animal may be trusted to your care the following day.

It is possible to spay a cat any time after birth, but most vets recommend waiting until the third or fourth month, to avoid any detrimental effects the anesthesia may have on the very young animal. Cats reach reproductive maturity at about eight or ten months, but cases are on record of cats becoming pregnant as early as five months. If it is your intention to avoid the possibility of any litters, by preventing her first heat, it is best to have her spayed before her fifth month.

After a female has had a litter, or any number of litters, she can still be spayed, of course, but more surgical care is required. You will probably find that the doctor's fee will be appropriately higher. The risks are also greater while she is in heat, pregnant or nursing. In any case, she should be in good physical condition.

What of the fee itself? Is \$15 more than most vets would ask? Fees vary considerably in different areas, generally ranging from ten dollars to twenty-five dollars. The prices for your area can be had with a twist of the telephone dial. With most vets the price varies widely according to the sexual stage of the animal. For example, one practitioner in the Philadelphia area charges fifteen dollars if the operation is performed before the first heat, twenty dollars after the first heat, twentyfive dollars while she is in heat, and twenty-five dollars after the cat has had a litter. The price variations, according to the cat's sexual state, give added emphasis to the importance of thinking ahead.

In summary, nothing is more wasteful of life than indiscriminate, haphazard matings and nothing detracts from the time a female cat can devote to being a pet as does the time she must devote to breeding. Any one that owns a pet female cat should weigh all the factors involved and decide whether or not to have his animal spayed. The decision is his to make. Once the operation is performed it can't be undone. Perhaps in most cases the problem can best be resolved by asking yourself this question, "Do I want a pet or a breeder?"

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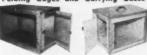
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The Auburn Animal Research Foundation The Adbuit Animal Research Foundation School of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn, Ala., received \$150.00; \$50 went to the Animal Diag-nostic Laboratory, Kissimme, Florida; and \$200.00 went to the Sarasota Animal Shelter for general purposes and for the addition of a cat

The club feels that there should be a Foundation Fund for research on cat diseases supported by the entire Cat Fancy, and they are making plans for cooperating with other cat clubs and other cat organizations for the formation of such

a foundation.

Member Florence Kemmer points out that with more than three hundred cat clubs in America donations as small as \$25.00 each per year plus other contributions would soon build up a very sizable and potentially very helpful sum.

Local veterinarians have pledged their support both actively, and as trustees for any fund which accumulates.

For further information, the Club Secretary, Mrs. Harold Rathburn, 1133 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key, Sarasota, Florida, should be contacted.

#### DIRECTORY CORRECTION

SCIOTO CATTERY, (Longhairs, Ohio) is properly spelled as shown here.

#### TWO CFA ABY GRANDS

Chirn Sa-hai Twenty Carats has become the second CFA Abyssinian Grand Champion, his owner Beth O'Donovan reports. He is the son of the first CFA Aby Grand Chirn Sa-hai Ricki who has also claimed an ACA Gr. Ch. Both are also Grand Champions in ACFA.

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T&T—Mottohope Ag. Trinket, Sil Tby f, Jones. Best DSH—Inkos Kaas, Blk f, Mitchell.
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Blue m, Lau; oS.—Pixie Prankster, BF Sia f, Downs. Best Neuter—Rocky Mountain Gold Dust, Cr, Hirsig; Spay—Pettie Jenne Fille, SF Sia, Rippey. LongMall S. PF-GIALTY.—Mrs. Bert Tebbetts. Best Cat, Gr Ch, Lil, SC.—Longhill's Tres Chic of Flagstone, Cr f, Mueller. 2nd Best Cat; Gr Ch, Lil, SC.—Longhill's Tres Chic of Flagstone, Cr f, Mueller. Best Ch.—Gale Knoll Harry Lute Jr., Blue m, Parish; OS.—Spoon River Meadow Beauty, Red f, Cruson. Best Now—Flagstone's Parid Cat, 8h Sil m, Mueller; OS.—Rocky Mt. Mariposa of Vernamac, Blue Cr f, McKelvey, Best Open.—Cruson's Kee Kee Kat, Cr f, Cruson; OS.—Tax. Little Boy White Pulf, OE Wh m, Coleman. Best Sil.—Ch Gar-Le's Alec of Flagstone, Sh Sil m, Mueller, Best Tâx—Rocky Mt. Mariposa of Vernamac, Blue Cr f, McKelvey, Best Kil.—Smithway Starmist of Rocking L, Blue f, Lau; OS.—Jan's Blue Boy of Rocking L, Blue m, Lau. Best Neuter—Rocky Mountain Gold Dust, Cr, Hirsig, SMORTHAIR S. FECIALTY.—Mrs. Tab-betts. Best Cat, Ch, SH, FSH, Sia.—Fan.-T-Cee Kahar Kenny, BP m, Galvin. 2nd Best Cat; OS Cat, Ch, FSR, SH—Koccak's Frostic-Lilli Marlene, FP Sia, Kozeak. Best Gr Ch.—Koscak's Lu-E-Tu, BP Sia m, Koscak Best Now—Ming Ling, Cut! Tu of Gay-Mar, SP Sia f, Harding; OS.—Casa Quecha Oso Negro, Bik DSH m, Payne. Best Open—Green Lane Beryl, CP Sia f, Manley; OS.—Dark Gauntlets Dauphin, SP Sia m, Hokin. Best DSH.—Silver Quest Whiteway of Casa Quecha, Brn Tby m, Bryan; OS.—Rippey's Princess Passy Willow. Blue f, Rippey, Best Kit.—Case Frostic-Lorelei of Koscak, FP Sia f, Koscak; Os.—Si. SP Sia m, Curtin. Best Neuter—Nero of Thai's Star, Parti-Color DSH, Harding; Signay—Sp Ch Pettie Jeune Fille, Sp Sia, Rippey.

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Richardson, OS Now—Chece Dulle, C. P. Sin, F. Brand, OS 1818.—Osterla's Angel Pare, BE Wh f, Oerfel. Best Manx.—Digger O'Dell, Cr m. Dully; OS.—Hassayampa Verde Shelley, Tortie f, P. P. Bet Kit.—Box's Checalate Dulle, Bur m. Regeretion; OS.—Poutatoe's Truc-Sona, CP Staf, Van Straick Best Neuter—Blue Dennis, BP Sia, Ingwer; Supy—Staff, O'Della, Van Straick Best Neuter—Blue Dennis, BP Sia, Ingwer; Supy—San Diela f, Van Straick Best Neuter—Blue Dennis, BP Sia, Ingwer; Supy—San Diela f, Van Straick Best Cat, Ch. Lil. Sil.—Silver Meas Sir Valliant, Chin m, Webb, 2nd Best Cat; OS Cat, Ch. Lil. Sil.—Silver Meas Sir Valliant, Chin m, Webb, 2nd Best Cat; OS Cat, Ch. Lil. Best SC.—Windhank Patti-Kake of Anulia, OE Wh f, Johnston. Best GC Ch.—Quinta Blue Nice of Fan-T-Cee. Brist China Chin Man, Chin m, Webb; OS.—Boren's Tweeter, SP Sia f, Boren, OS SC.—Anulita Personality of Bre-Etta, Blue m, OS TAT—Kathe's Chickade of Longhill, Blue Cr f, Kathe. Best SH, SSH, Sla.—Boren's Luttle Lady Lylae, FP f, Boren, OS SH, FSH, Sla.—Boren's Luttle Lady Lylae, FP f, Boren, OS SH, FSH, Sla.—Sonolide Dimmer, SP m, Lavion. Best DSH—Bervelies of El Bancho, Sm m, Catalana OS—Servelies China Chin Chin f, Geforth, Best Bur.—Jadawh Julie's Nubs of Boren, I Boren; OS—Bus Sky Gold Pilot, Cr m, Leonard Best Neuter—Gray Lyr Top Ann, Chin f, Gwer; OS—Bus Sky Gold Pilot, Cr m, Leonard Best Neuter—Gray Lyr Top Ann, Chin f, Gwer; OS—Bus Sky Gold Pilot, Cr m, Leonard Best Neuter—King Arthur, SP Sla, Folsom Spay—Smithway Berdina, Cr of Bre-Etta, Blue Moderal Servicia Chin School, S

Kabar Kenny, BP m. Galvin. 2nd Best Cat; Best LH, SC—Winauma Pierrot of Zodo, Blue m. OS Cat, LH, SC; Best Ch—Banla's Su-Wannla of Frieta, OE Wb f, Beller. Best Gr Ch—Gerstdale's Mulkraj II of Ruboe, Bur m. Larson; OS—Ocean Vlew Blue Palaley, Blue Cr f, Hall. OS Ch; Best Manx—Manxland Finlo, Blk m. Dana. Best Nov; OS Sil—Los Loma Merrianne, Sil f, Cook. OS Nor—Nai Ma's Sun-Nia, SP Sia m, Wood. OS Open, SH, FSH, Sia—Fan-T-Cee's Enchantress, SF f, Galvin. Best Sil—Los Lomas Man About Town, Sh Sil m, Weston. Best T&T—Sheens, Blue Cr f, Grubb. Best DSH—Hercules of El Rancho, Sm m, Catalana; OS—Barefoot Contessa, Brn Tby f, McDonald. Best Aby—Bograe's Naith of Sher-Lan, f, Quiner; OS—Bograe's Seb of Sher-Lan, m. Quiner. Best Bur—Regal Prince Pogo, m, Forrest; OS—HRH Marin Reine D'Or, f, Bucquoy, OS Manx—Ocean View Gardenia, OE Wh f, Ball. Best RB—Almar's Rasputin, m; OS—Almar's Kyra, f, Bucquoy, Best Kit—Morning Glory of Las Lomas, Sh Sil f, Cook; OS—Krebs Intrepid Fox, BP Sia m, Krebs. Best Neuter—Prieta's Sir Angel, OE Wh, Kenny; Spay—Nan Lef Princes Lilibet of Silverie, Sh Sil, Schoner. LOMCHAIR SPECIALTY—Gliwe De Lags. Best Cat, Open, SC—Wimauma Pierrot of Zodo, Blue m. 2nd Best Cat; OS Cat SC; Best Ch—Rania's Su-Wannia of Prieta, OE Wh f, Beller. Best Nov—Uwahi Nui Nui, Sm m, Raine; OS—Casa St. Cyr's Dolly Varden, Blue Cr f, Metcalfe, OS Open—Flasgtone Goldoll of Victorian, Cr f, Malstrom. Best Sil—Las Lomas Man About Town, Sh Bil m, Weston; OS—Melissa of Walnut Hill, Sil f, Weston. Best T&T—Little Sheba, Tortie f, Countryman Rest Kit—Lover Glipt, OE Wh, Kenny; Spay—Nani Led Princess Lilibet of Silverie, Sh Sil, Schoner. SAOBTHAIR SPECIALTY—Frank Magman. Best Cat, Open, FSH, Sla—Cerel's Madeline, RIP f, Wheaton. 2nd Best Cat; Best Ch, Aby—Bograe's Naith of Sher-Lan, f, Quiner. OS Cat,

Ch. FSH, Sia—Eagle Mt. Chief Wilhewin, CP m. Best Gr Ch—Gean View Blue Paisley, Blue Cr f. Hail: 68, Best Bur—Gerstdale's Mulkraj II of Ruboe, Bur m, Larson. Best Nov—Shee Nwah's Pe Pe, SP Sia m, Pfobl & MacKenzie; 08, Best DSH—Barefoot Contessa, Bru Tby f, Mebonald. 08 Open—Dark Gauntlets Dauphin, SP Sia m, Hokin. 08 DSH—My-Lo's Silver Fride of Bay Farm, Sil Tby m, Tarbell. 08 Aby—Bograe's Seb of Sher-Lan, m, Quiner. 08 Bur—HAH Marin Java Tzana, f. Jeves. Best RB—Almaria Rasputin, m: 08—Almaria Kyra, f, Bucquoy. Best Manx—Manxland Finlo, Blk m, Dana, 08 Manx—Del Aire's Bonnie Sue, Blue f, Straub. Best Kit—Bay Farm's Ophelia, Sil Tby DSH f, Tarbeli; 08.—Lamaria T'ango, SP Sia m, Jones. Best Neuter—Fatsi, Bik DSH, Wheaton; Spay—Sayonara, CP Sia, Waters. MONYRAL CAT FANCIERS ASSOCIATIOM (AGA), 4th Ch Shew, Montreal, Quebee, Canada, Rov. 2, 1958. All. BREED—Ruth McRaughtas. Best Cat, Ch, Sil,—LH—Bellham's Heather Bell, Sil f, Bellham, 2nd Best Cat; 08 Cat; Best Open, Stl, FSH, Sia—Shan Ling Sultan, SP m, Elliott. Best Gr Ch—Kon Ke Ke Ko Ko Mo, Bur m, 08 Ch, LH, Sil—Rollywood Keginald of Bellman's, Sil m, Bellham, Best Nov, SC—Normont's Calla of Kingshill, Blue f, Van Der Leeden. 08 Nov.—Castilla Adm. Perry of Tally-Ho, Sil m, Sorenson. 08 Open—Kannika of Madall, SP Sia f, C'iristy, 08 SC—Don Miguel of Tally-Ho, Cr m, Sorenson. Best T&T—Juice of McKinley Park, Red Tby f, Fouque; 08, 08 DSH—Bengall Chal, Brn Tby m, Cullen. 08 SH, FSH; Best Aby—Kalyan Amber of Kon Ke Ke, f. Best DSH—Muguette, BE Wh f, Houle. Best Manx—Finlo Odette of Willa-Bilte, Odd-Eyed Wh F o8 Aby—Tuffettl of Bon Abi, m, Grauer. Best Bur—Kon Ke Ke Reba Ka, f. Best Kit—Wale's Frince Albert of Glengary; Bik f, Wales; 08—Kalyan Wun Sun of Thani, CP Sia m, Arthur. Best Neuter—Aly Nori, Aby, Couper. Best Spay—Queen Blue Melody, LH, Martin. LOMCHAIR SFECIALTY—Julee of McKinley Park, Red Tby f, Fouque, Best Green, 08 Cat, Ch; Sest STAT—Julee of McKinley Park, Red Tby f, Fouque, Best

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# The Back Fence . . .

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

While most winter-bound creatures are reveling in the happy thoughts of spring and her wild promises, one small cat is reversing this process. Every spring Muffet gives up his freedom among the rhododendrons and hedges of Oregon and, along with the Richard Neubergers, heads for the hurly-burly of Washington, D. C.

This is his ninth transcontinental trip from Portland, and despite the prestige and friendship of world diplomats, there is the feeling that he would settle for something less than the shrimp and chicken livers from embassy tables.

Lunch with Adlai Stevenson at the Palmer House; choice tidbits from dinner parties stashed into Mrs. Neuberger's evening bag; praise and affection from men like Senator Richard Russell . . . these are all Muffet's. Muffet, born in the basement of a restaurant, who through a series of adoptions, ended up a senator's friend and companion.

Richard Neuberger was not always a fancier of cats. When his wife first brought Muffet to their home, he was anything but pleased. A few purrs later, the votes were recounted and this half-Manx was in office.

The Bloomington, Illinois, Pantagraph, had a drawing of a cat who could well run for some sort of public office. When a pet parakeet was lost and advertised in the classified column, a woman across town called the owners. Her cat had found the bird and brought it home unharmed except for a few feathers that quite understandably were ruffled in the scuffle of rescuer and rescuee.

Another reunion that makes the heart sing is the one of La Donna Kathleen Sanetti and her cat Midnight. La Donna is a little three-year-old girl who has just recovered from both a delicate heart condition and the sadness of losing her cat.

Last November, La Donna's Midnight wandered away from home just before the little girl was scheduled to go to Children's Hospital in Boston. Mr. & Mrs. Sanetti hoped and prayed that the pet would return by the time their daughter would come home for she missed him so.

The Worcester Telegram published a story about the little gal and her missing pet. The Sanettis were offered scores of kittens and cats to replace the lost one. They had just decided to substitute a smaller, but marked-the-same, cat when they received a call from a Mrs. Hatton who said she had been shopping in Worcester last November, and when she drove home to Leominster, found a black and white cat sleeping on the back seat of her car. Her own three children fell in love with this hitchhiking guy and coincidently, had named him Midnight. He had been living with them but when they read the story of La Donna, they realized they

would have to give him up.

The very day Donna's father carried her into the living room, Midnight was returned. Three sad hearts were made lighter when they saw the eyes of Donna sparkle as she again held Midnight in her arms. Three little Hattons knew that hard as it was to give up their friend, they had done the only kind thing there was to do.

There are those events that are arranged by man—and then there is this item in the Los Angeles *Times*.

The parents of Patty Padilla, age eight, awoke one morning to find their daughter missing. A search was started by the sherriff's office and the neighbors in Oxnard. A call was received from a Mrs. Rogers who reported that about 3:30 a knock on her door awakened her. Answering, she saw a cat and a small girl in a pink robe. The cat she knew, it was hers—the child she had never seen.

Patty had been aroused in the middle of the night by a cat crying outside her window. She got up, put on her robe and shoes and went out to find it. She had never seen the cat nor did she know where it lived, but she started walking and the cat followed.

Some strange force led her to the right door. Patty's only explanation the next morning was, "I just knew where he lived."

This seems like a likely place to mention an article in the Newark News. The Boston Globe reprinted an article about Duke Guariglia, who had rescued a soaked and frightened cat from a Newark sewer. The youngsters at the Temple Israel Religious School in Boston were so impressed at the sad story and its happy ending that they wanted to express their thanks in letters and drawings to him.

"Thank you for saving the kitty's life. You must love God very much." That was the general text of the letters. Some of the drawings, such as one with blue triangular blobs under a yellow circle entitled *Mountains for Mr. Guariglia*, were accompanied by notes of explanation from the teacher.

They were all interested in what happened to the cat. It is duly recorded that he is now in the office of the assistant superintendent of the Bureau of Sewers.

As a pet with a home, he now has a chance of at least duplicating the record of Suzy: thirty seven years of good cat living with Louis Saras of Hazelton, Pa.

In her long life time, she had been featured in the cartoon, "Strange As It Seems" and had been awarded the Puss 'n Boots bronze plaque. And she held what could be another world's record, a maternity total of 550 kittens.

She used up eight of her legendary nine lives quite early in life, surviving accidental doses of rat poison, being hit with cars, engaging in deadly combats with dogs, and suffering through the other deadly hazards of city living—but her ninth she made use of up to the fullest. Today, Suzy rests.

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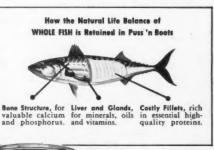
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